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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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1. IF AMEGATCHER NOT INFORMED REGARDING CURRENT PLANS FOR GHANA PARTICIPATION SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL IT IS BECAUSE CULTURAL MINISTRY MUST HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INVOLVE ARTS COUNCIL. POST IS DEALING WITH HIGHEST CIVILIAN AUTHORITY IN CHARGE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN GHANA GOVERNMENT. ARTS COUNCIL IS SUBORDINATE TO MINCULTURE AND DOES NOT HAVE FINAL ACTION ON TRAVELING GROUPS.

2. POST IS PUSHING HARD FOR GOG COMMITMENT, BUT FOOT-DRAGGING CONTINUES. KAYPER-MENASH SAYS HE IS JUST AWAITING GO-AHEAD FROM COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS. THINKS IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING THIS WEEK. WILL SEND LETTER OF CONFIRMATION AND NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS ALTHOUGH HE CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGES OF NAMES BEING MADE BY GROUP LEADERS.

3. K-M SAYS WEAVER AND CARVER HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. BUILDER IS ROBERT RICHTER. ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BEING PREPARED IN KUMASI. BUILDER BELIEVES ALL CONSTRUCTION MATEIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN U.S. PLANS USE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS TO HELP WITH BUILDING.

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4. WE HAVE ASKED K-M ARRANGE BRIEFING SESSION TO ACQUAINT

ALL MEMBERS OF GROUP WITH FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. USIS
WILL PARTICIPATE AND WILL PROVIDE ORIENTATION MATERIALS.
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